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Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was overall steady. Retail demand was mostly fair, food service was moderate to good, best for fast food specials. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Dark meat was in balance and moving, breast items and wings were at least adequate or available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/14/03-07/18/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	60.00-62.00	60.00	12	61.82	28
Chicago	52.00-55.00	55.33	40	57.84	74
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	57.68	26
Denver	71.50	71.43	17	70.86	22
Detroit	54.00	56.00	11	59.00	34
Los Angeles	72.00	69.85	62	73.64	190
New York	58.00-61.00	59.02	23	59.80	49
Philadelphia	58.00-60.00	58.60	10	56.83	21
Pittsburgh	58.00-61.00	58.95	11	61.29	51
St. Louis	54.75-55.00	54.40	24	54.92	41
San Francisco	72.50	70.98	32	78.48	134

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	07/14/03	Change/Last Wk	07/07/03	07/15/02
670	64.11	+1.67	62.44	59.56

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	59.00-61.00	60.14	28
Central	57.00-62.50	59.80	63
West	59.00-65.00	64.78	50

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	66.00-67.50	65.91	84
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,113	52.00-69.03	65.57

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	198.50	1,460
BREASTS - B/S	189.50	5,320
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.50	1,938
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.50	998
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	9,226
WINGS	71.00	3,015

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole/fryers was mostly fair entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available. Leg items were in good balance and clearing. The balance of items were about adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was limited to fair, better where retail ads and fast food promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair with dark meat items in good balance to close and moving. Breast items and wings were adequate or readily available with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported on regular commitments for this week's deliveries at unchanged prices for regular commitments and unchanged to slightly higher on new negotiations. Offerings remained easily adequate on heavy weights with lighter weights in fairly good balance. Buying activity was fairly good overall, best for whole body bagged fryers. Retailer demand was generally good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts: boneless leg meat 71-77, wings 68-70, leg quarters bulk 28-34 and 4/10s 30.5-34, breast bone-in 91-96.5, and boneless 164-168. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .30 to 59.38 with the volume down 6 percent reported at 34 loads, compared to last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were generally unchanged with Ohio cities TFEWR from last Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Producer offerings were limited to adequate with light weight whole birds in short supply. Trade interest was fair. Movement into retail and food service accounts was in a full range; mostly fair into retail accounts and moderate to instances good into food service, best into fast food. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Weights desirable. Trade on parts items was mostly light. Supplies of tenders continued fully adequate and slow to clear, breast items mixed, with regular wings tight and dark meat cuts available. The market tone was steady overall with jumbo wings barely steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was noted as fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings were generally sufficient for current needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available with boneless-skinless breasts in the longer position. Dark meat cuts were manageable.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	57-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.65
NO. OF BOXES	7,813

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity ranged light to moderate entering the week. Offerings of bone-in breasts were generally sufficient; boneless skinless breasts were available. Dark meat items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Retail movement was fair to moderate. Distributive demand was light. The market tone was steady to fully steady on dark meat cuts, breast items were generally steady to barely steady; about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	CURRENT	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	165	169.66	402,560	
TENDERLOINS	140	138.66	108,540	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	90.97	156,080	
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	85.81	97,880	
LEGS	37-38	35.61	272,580	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25-26	26.87	342,990	
DRUMSTICKS	33-34	39.64	112,370	
THIGHS	28-29	38.09	84,540	
B/S THIGHS	69-70	72.74	66,400	
WINGS (WHOLE)	64-65	65.70	238,250	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	21,560	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.64	7,200	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	40.53	23,200	

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,315	148.00-192.00	154-164	159.07
TENDERLOINS	230	130.00-212.00	-	161.68
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	374	68.00-82.00	68-72	74.22
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,269	22.00-25.00	24	23.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,400	25.00-27.00	25-26	25.60
WINGS (WHOLE)	900	48.00-78.00	59-61	59.27
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,249	18.50-23.00	19	19.21

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/14	07/10	07/10	07/07	07/03
ALA	4,149	4,052	5.19	3,965	5.09
ARK	5,200	5,129	4.89	5,264	4.78
DELMARVA	2,272	2,242	5.27	2,171	5.30
KY-LA-TN	1,868	1,824	4.76	1,907	4.79
MISS	3,071	2,966	5.31	2,855	5.19
NC	2,633	2,354	5.97	2,571	6.16
TEXAS	2,490	2,467	4.93	2,479	4.86
TOTAL	21,683	21,034	5.16	21,212	5.13
MON	21,683(A)			21,212(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Jul 2003 is estimated to be 32,440,000 up 1.91 percent from a week ago and up 1.02 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,831,000 last year 32,113,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	892	150.00-234.00	156-159	158.39
TENDERLOINS	229	135.00-211.00	140-145	148.36
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	92.00-110.00	-	96.63
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	32.50-46.00	-	33.73
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	594	23.50-27.00	24-25	24.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,042	25.50-32.00	27-28	28.58
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	54.00-76.00	-	71.89
WINGS (CUT)	439	71.00-83.00	76-78	76.49
DRUMSTICKS	68	46.00-58.00	-	47.41
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JULY 14, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.75 - 54.50	52.16	52.30

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF JUL 14-JUL 18, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	159.00 - 171.50	159.00 - 169.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	75.00 - 107.50	85.00 - 94.00
LEGS	26.00 - 41.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 31.00	25.00 - 27.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 41.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	50.00 - 77.00	61.00 - 66.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	14.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	84
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	87-91
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	

FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	90-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63

DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 106-107
	ICE PACK 99-101
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 113
	ICE PACK 104-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-98
	DRY PACK
DUCKS	155-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 11-JUL-2003
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-18.50	16.00	608,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.74	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-17.00	11.00-16.00	1,912,000	312,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.81	12.50		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were mostly normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-JUL-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-8.75	8-8.5	8.22
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 11-JUL-2003
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00-17.00	102,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.40		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-18.00	10.00-16.00	3,056,000	1,224,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	12.39		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were near unchanged. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were adequate for needs with schedules adequate for requirements. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-JUL-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11.25	8.5-9	8.58

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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